

**Approved**

**TOWN OF NEWBURY  
SELECT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**DATE:**           **November 23, 2021**

**PRESENT:**       **Select Board:** Chair Alicia Greco; Vice Chair JR Colby; Clerk Geof Walker;  
Mike Doyle (remote participation); Gerry Heavey

**Staff:**

Tracy Blais, Town Administrator  
Julie O'Brien, Executive Administrator  
Martha Taylor, Planning Director  
Diane Doyle, Treasurer/Collector  
John Lucey, Chief of Police

**Call to Order:**

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Alicia Greco called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to open the meeting, seconded G. Walker

Discussion: None

**Roll Call Vote:**

Alicia Greco – Yes  
JR Colby – Yes  
Geof Walker -Yes  
Mike Doyle – Yes  
Gerry Heavey – Yes

**Oral Communications From Citizens**

Bill DiMaio, Orchard Street, contacted Mindy and Julie, Scout Masters Troop 44, who informed him Wreaths Across America needed help with donations. Asked if you are able to donate please do so. There are ads on social media on how to donate or Bills information is on the Constable page of the Town website. Deadline for donations November 29<sup>th</sup>

Karen Tyler, Veteran's service officer Eastern Essex district, discussed a meeting she had with Jersey Mikes owner in Newburyport. If persons access Wreaths Across America website through Jersey Mikes Corporate Sponsor link, for the Town of Newbury, Jersey Mike's will match wreath for wreath. (978) 356-6699 Veterans Services Office

**Board and Committee Reports**

Report of Chair Greco:

Signed PR22-10, Select Board Payroll

Signed PR22-10, Julie O'Brien

### **Grants, Gifts & Donations**

(Chapter 44: Section 53A Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure)

COA Donation from The Friends of the Newbury Council on Aging - \$12,000

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to accept the donation seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: Cindy Currier, COA Director, spoke to the donation

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Alicia Greco – Yes

JR Colby – Yes

Geof Walker - Yes

Mike Doyle – Yes

Gerry Heavey – Yes

**Motion:** M. Doyle moved to write a thank you letter to The Friends of the Newbury Council on Aging seconded, G. Walker

Alicia Greco – Yes

JR Colby – Yes

Geof Walker - Yes

Mike Doyle – Yes

Gerry Heavey – Yes

Grant, Coastal Trials Coalition, Parker Street Trail project, \$27,500

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to accept the donation seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: Martha Taylor, Planning Director, provided details regarding the grant

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Alicia Greco – Yes

JR Colby – Yes

Geof Walker -Yes

Mike Doyle – Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

### **Public Hearings:**

None

**New Business:**

Approve Partnership with the Regional Component Jail Diversion Program (RCJDP)

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to approve the RCJDP Partnership seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: Chief Lucey spoke to the program and answered questions from the Board

**Roll Call Vote:**

Alicia Greco – Yes  
JR Colby – Yes  
Geof Walker -Yes  
Mike Doyle – Yes  
Gerry Heavey - Yes

**Motion:** A.Greco moved to have the Town Administrator assigned as designee

Discussion: Discussion ensued

**Roll Call Vote:**

Alicia Greco – Yes  
JR Colby – Yes  
Geof Walker -Yes  
Mike Doyle – No  
Gerry Heavey - Yes

Approve Business License, James Sullivan, Rusty Can, 6G Fruit Street, Common Victualler

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the business license seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

**Roll Call Vote:**

Alicia Greco – Yes  
JR Colby – Yes  
Geof Walker - Yes  
Mike Doyle – Yes  
Gerry Heavey - Yes

Endorse proposal to declare Newbury as a Purple Heart Town

Motion: JR Colby moved to endorse proposal seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: Bill DiMaio passed out information regarding the proposed Proclamation and spoke to the proposal

A. Greco read the proclamation example Bill DiMaio provided

**Motion:** G. Heavey moved to give \$400 tax abatement to Newbury veterans who have earned the purple heart, in their property tax, seconded, M. Doyle

Discussion: Discussion ensued

**Motion:** G. Walker moved to table the motion seconded, JR Colby

**Roll Call Vote:**

Alicia Greco – Yes  
JR Colby – Yes  
Geof Walker - Yes  
Mike Doyle – Yes  
Gerry Heavey - Yes

Accept the OPEB Trust document and designate the Treasurer as Trustee

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to accept the OPEB Trust document and designate the Treasurer as Trustee seconded, A. Greco

Discussion: Diane Doyle, Town Treasurer, spoke to the OPEB Trust

**Roll Call Vote:**

Alicia Greco – Yes  
JR Colby – Yes  
Geof Walker - Yes  
Mike Doyle – Yes  
Gerry Heavey - Yes

**Old Business**

None

**Town Administrators Report**

None

**Correspondence**

Letter regarding Martha Leahy completing the Standardized Curriculum of Law Enforcement Core Chaplaincy Training Course

Discussion: Chief Lucey spoke to the completion of course by Martha Leahy and provided details of her professional background and experience

Letters Commonwealth of Mass Division of Marine Fisheries dated November 12, 2021

Letter from Sarah Seabury Ward, regarding her words she spoke during the November 9, 2021 Select Board meeting

**Meeting Updates:** None

**Review of Meeting Minutes:**

Select Board meeting minutes November 9, 2021

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to approve the meeting minutes seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

**Roll Call Vote:**

Alicia Greco – Yes  
JR Colby – Yes  
Geof Walker - Yes  
Mike Doyle – Yes  
Gerry Heavey - Yes

**Warrants:**

VW2210  
VW2210A  
PR2208  
PRVW2208  
PR2209  
PRVW2209  
PRVW2210

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to sign the Warrants seconded, M. Doyle

Discussion: None

**Roll Call Vote:**

Alicia Greco – Yes  
JR Colby – Yes  
Geof Walker - Yes  
Mike Doyle – Yes  
Gerry Heavey - Yes

**Executive Session:**

None

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** At 7:46 p.m. JR Colby moved to adjourn, seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Alicia Greco – Yes

JR Colby – Yes  
Geof Walker - Yes  
Mike Doyle – Yes  
Gerry Heavey - Yes

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie O'Brien  
Executive Administrator